



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes August 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by President Clem.

Present: Derek, Cheryl, Kirby, Gail, Dennis, Dave, Jenn, Kay, Clem, Lori

Secretary report - Motion by Dennis (2nd Gail) to accept July Minutes – passed unanimously, to be posted.

Treasurer report – Dennis – Total Balance \$1837 – General fund \$1155 and Donation fund \$682. (Fish feeder income \$58, one dues paid – Diana Duke, and Expenses of \$64.41). **MOTION** by Gail (2nd Lori): Allocate \$500 in matching funds for the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Grant. Passed unanimously. A budget will be prepared.

Comment: Cheryl mentioned that the visitors to the WDC are expecting to see a “hatchery” It would be helpful if the sign at the highway was changed to “historic”.

Volunteer Committee

Dave P. - Citizen Science

- Lightning Creek Treasured Landscape projects – invasive weed checks. Whitebark pine surveys in September.
- 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act activities – announced on FSPW and Sandpoint Online.
- Star Peak trail work is complete
- Seed collection at Gamlin Lake.
- Kokanee early spawning activities – POC: John Rankin at Clark Fork hatchery – 266-1431
- SOLE opportunities – contact Lynette Leonard
- Puppet show in Trout Creek, MT.
- 2014 Bonner County Fair – The Lehman Wildlife Education Building may need 2 volunteers on Wednesday. See email note from Holly and respond to her.
- Clark Fork River Delta has received preliminary funding. Volunteers can sign up on the website and/or contact Derek Antonelli for updates on activities. <http://clarkforkdelta.org/about/>
- Check the calendar and website for details www.idahomasternaturalist.org

Lynette – Public Outreach - absent

Communication Committee – Lori acting Chair

- Request from Sara Focht for all members to respond to Monarch Butterfly survey. Milkweed plants are on WDC property near pond and are blooming.
- Need submissions for Fall newsletter – a picture with a caption, a short article, poem, recipe, etc.,
- Calendar and Announcements on our website are updated regularly - <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>

Training Committee – John A. Acting (absent)

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WDC Grounds – Gail

- Geese are grazing the new grass. We may need to put down netting to discourage them. Fall reseeded will probably be needed.

WDC Building Committee – Cheryl & Kirby

- Planning a Committee meeting for all who participated in MN on Duty this summer to give feedback and start planning for next summer. Summary of Naturalist on Duty to date: 60 documented visitors during 6 days. (based on quarters in fish feeder, Dennis estimates approx 2000 visitors per year)
- Setting goals and conceptual design and timeline. Development will be in stages.

Issues:

- Pete has been updated on problems with sharing WDC with technicians working on MBI and other projects.
- Garbage cans will be stored in garage until they can be dumped.
- Fish food is stored in green plastic box in old hatchery building
- Last workday the downed cottonwood trees were cleared from the paths in the wetland trails. Please feel free to take the wood.
- A proposal by Phil to the group - the MN's should participate in the Sandpoint 4th of July parade. Will be discussed further.
- The bluebird pins for 2013 certified members have been received from Sara.

Pete (absent)

- Next workday is August 22nd
- IFWF meeting at WDC is still scheduled for August 16th. The IDFG and MN's will present to them for approx 30 minutes – History, property and volunteer support, Grant application request and interior educational display development. Any MN's who participate in this meeting please be at WDC 11:30am, Pete will provide lunch for volunteers (IFWF will separately have lunch).

Next meetings – Tuesday, August 12TH, 9:00am at WDC
Tuesday September 9; and Tuesday October 14th.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am
Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum:

The IFWF meeting was well received, thank you everyone who participated – and a special thank you to Kay who made the lovely and delicious peach pies.

8/25 - Cheryl received a letter from IFWF and we have won the GRANT! Our plans can go forward.